

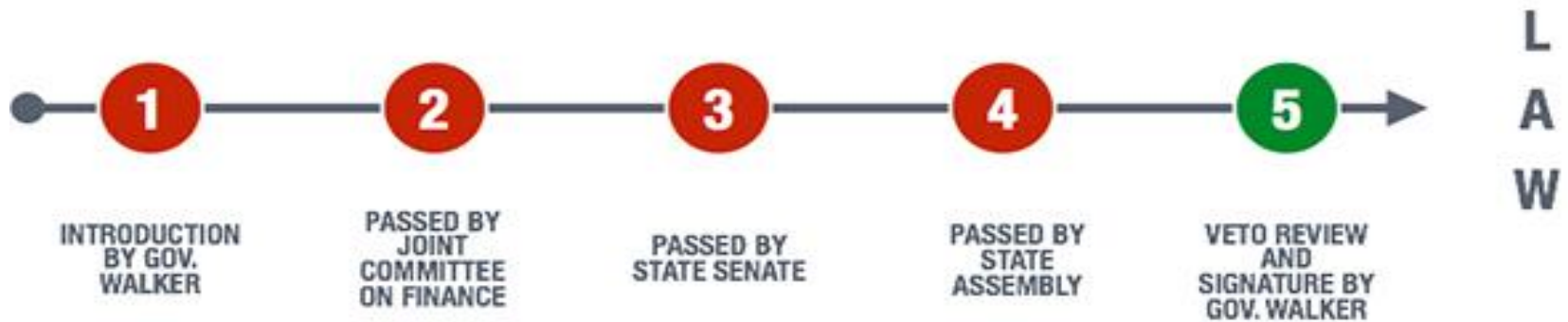
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
Division of Family and Economic Services
Bureau of Working Families



Biennial Budget Update
2015 Wisconsin Act 55

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WISCONSIN BUDGET PROCESS



Expenditures

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 W-2 and TANF Related Programs

	2015 - 2016	2016-2017	Biennium
W-2 AGENCY BENEFITS AND CONTRACTS	\$141,336,500.00	\$141,336,500.00	\$282,673,000.00
Benefits	\$83,000,000.00	\$83,000,000.00	\$166,000,000.00
Contracts	\$58,336,500.00	\$58,336,500.00	\$116,673,000.00
TRANSFORM MILWAUKEE JOBS/TRANSITIONAL JOBS	\$6,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$13,000,000.00
CHILD CARE	\$312,739,200.00	\$329,397,900.00	\$642,137,100.00
OTHER BENEFITS	\$61,060,900.00	\$61,173,200.00	\$122,234,100.00
Kinship Care	\$21,222,700.00	\$21,435,000.00	\$42,657,700.00
CTS	\$31,338,200.00	\$31,338,200.00	\$62,676,400.00
EA	\$8,500,000.00	\$8,400,000.00	\$16,900,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	\$15,685,700.00	\$15,901,300.00	\$31,587,000.00
OTHER SUPPORT (CHILDREN FIRST)	\$1,140,000.00	\$1,140,000.00	\$2,280,000.00
GRANT PROGRAMS	\$2,243,600.00	\$2,591,900.00	\$4,835,500.00
Boys and Girls Clubs	\$1,175,000.00	\$1,175,000.00	\$2,350,000.00
Wisconsin Community Services	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$800,000.00
Fostering Futures-Connections Count	\$0.00	\$360,300.00	\$360,300.00
GED Testing	\$127,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$242,000.00
Adult Literacy	\$41,600.00	\$41,600.00	\$83,200.00
Legal Services	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
OTHER PROGRAMS	\$87,655,500.00	\$91,135,800.00	\$178,791,300.00
TOTAL	\$ 627,861,400.00	\$ 649,676,600.00	\$ 1,277,538,000.00

Revenues

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 W-2 and TANF Related Programs

	2015-2016	2016-2017	Biennium
STATE FUNDING	\$179,115,600.00	\$174,400,800.00	\$353,516,400.00
<i>State Funding (PR)</i>	<i>\$9,602,100.00</i>	<i>\$4,887,300.00</i>	<i>\$14,489,400.00</i>
<i>State Funding (GPR)</i>	<i>\$160,373,800.00</i>	<i>\$160,373,800.00</i>	<i>\$320,747,600.00</i>
<i>State Funding (SEG)</i>	<i>\$9,139,700.00</i>	<i>\$9,139,700.00</i>	<i>\$18,279,400.00</i>
FEDERAL FUNDING	\$423,254,800.00	\$409,472,500.00	\$832,727,300.00
CARRYOVER FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES	\$122,617,900.00	\$97,126,900.00	\$219,744,800.00
TOTAL	\$724,988,300.00	\$681,000,200.00	\$1,405,988,500.00

BWF POLICY UPDATES

Emergency Assistance Overpayments

- In the case of an error in payment, Act 55 requires DCF to recover the overpayment from the W-2 agency.
- In the case of an overpayment resulting from a misrepresentation by the participant, recovery will be made from the participant by any legal means

Expansion of Learnfare

- Learnfare case management requirement is extended to instances where the child's W-2 group includes a participant who has been unable to participate in activities due to the child's school-related problems

Community Steering Committees

- Changes fit Community Steering Requirement to current service delivery structure and enhance the focus on employment
- Membership limit expanded to 20 individuals and W-2 agencies may create more than one committee

W-2 Time Limit

- Time limit on participation or benefit receipt is reduced from 60 months to 48 months
- Extension criteria is also changed to align with federal legislation

Wage Subsidies

- Act 55 changes the wage subsidy amounts paid to employers of the participants in the TEMP, TMJ, and TJ programs to no more than the minimum wage

Refusal to Participate

- Modifications to the behaviors that constitute a refusal provide more specific criteria for sanctions and align more closely with actual behaviors observed by the W-2 agencies
- ‘Employer’ and ‘Employment’ are now defined in statute, while the definition of ‘work activity’ has been amended

W-2 Notice

- Notice and opportunity to rectify would not be required for actions predicated upon W-2 financial and non-financial eligibility criteria
- Actions predicated on sanctions which would terminate a participant's eligibility or reduce a participant's benefits by 20% or more would require notice and opportunity to rectify

Drug Testing and Treatment

- Controlled substance abuse screening and testing as an eligibility requirement for TMJ, TJ, W-2 NCP TEMP, and the Children First program
- Participation in treatment is also required if an individual tests positive for illegal use of a controlled substance

Transitional Jobs

- Act 55 provides additional funding to expand the Transitional Jobs Program
- DCF will have more flexibility in determining which areas of the state should be given priority for the expansion

TANF Funding for the EITC

- TANF funding for the state earned income tax credit (EITC) is increased

Funding for IEVS and WP

- Provide 4.0 positions to assist in implementing the income eligibility and verification system (IEVS) corrective compliance plan.
- Additional funding for Work Programs modernization

Next Steps?

Questions?